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In the above-identified patent application, please amend said application, as follows:

Please add claims 2-65:

- 2. (Newly Added) The fabricated vehicle axle as defined by claim 1 wherein said main body includes suspension seat areas for said vehicle axle.
- 3. (Newly Added) The fabricated vehicle axle as defined by claim 1 wherein said main body includes tapering edges at opposite ends thereof.
 - 4. (Newly Added) The fabricated vehicle axle as defined